



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## ARMYWORMS CAUSE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

In West Tennessee, hot, dry conditions allowed corn to dry down quickly and corn harvest to begin. Armyworms continued to cause damage to pastures and hay fields, but soybean producers hoped their crops were mature enough to avoid substantial damage from the pests. In Middle Tennessee, livestock producers were also reporting problems with armyworms in their hay fields and pastures. The damage in some areas has been so extensive that some farmers have started to feed hay. Those affected by the recent floods were trying to rebuild, with fencing being the number one priority. Cattle producers were searching for animals that had wandered off after the flooding tore fences down. Armyworms arrived in East Tennessee, adversely affecting hay and pasture. Fortunately, the damage had not yet progressed to the extent it had in other parts of the state. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

| CROP PROGRESS              |           |           |      |             | CONDITION |           |      |      |      |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Crop                       | This Week | Last Week | 2020 | 5 Year Avg. | Item      | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|                            | Percent   |           |      |             |           | Percent   |      |      |      |           |
| Corn – Dough               | 98        | 95        | 97   | 98          | Pasture   | 4         | 10   | 27   | 51   | 8         |
| Corn – Dented              | 80        | 70        | 75   | 85          | Cotton    | 6         | 11   | 21   | 52   | 10        |
| Corn – Mature              | 25        | 7         | 20   | 36          | Corn      | 1         | 4    | 19   | 58   | 18        |
| Corn – Harvested           | 1         | N/A       | 1    | 3           | Soybeans  | 2         | 5    | 21   | 57   | 15        |
| Cotton – Setting Bolls     | 96        | 93        | 97   | 99          | Tobacco   | 4         | 8    | 24   | 53   | 11        |
| Cotton – Bolls Opening     | 5         | 4         | 8    | 17          |           |           |      |      |      |           |
| Soybeans – Setting Pods    | 90        | 82        | 90   | 91          |           |           |      |      |      |           |
| Soybeans – Dropping Leaves | 10        | 3         | 7    | 7           |           |           |      |      |      |           |
| Tobacco – Topped           | 95        | 89        | 94   | N/A         |           |           |      |      |      |           |
| Tobacco – Cut              | 33        | N/A       | N/A  | N/A         |           |           |      |      |      |           |